

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Purple Heart recipients
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4 *Whereas, The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the armed*
5 *forces of the United States who are wounded by an instrument of war*
6 *in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the*
7 *name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in*
8 *action. The honor is specifically a combat decoration;*

9 *Whereas, Leonard Wayne McIntosh, a resident of rural*
10 *Bloomfield, Indiana, joined the United States Army at age 17, and*
11 *served for three years in the United States Army's 3rd Infantry Division*
12 *during the height of the European Theatre of World War II from 1942*
13 *to 1945;*

14 *Whereas, The 3rd Division was one of the few American divisions*
15 *that fought the Axis on all European fronts and was among the first*
16 *United States combat units to engage in offensive ground combat*
17 *operations during World War II. During World War II, the 3rd*
18 *Division fought in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany, and*
19 *Austria for 531 consecutive days of combat;*

20 *Whereas, McIntosh was injured in a town in southern France*
21 *when a building into which he was sent was bombed. Wayne lost*
22 *consciousness from the bombing and regained consciousness in a*
23 *hospital in London, England;*

24 *Whereas, Although McIntosh carried the scars of war and metal*
25 *fragments from the German bombing for most of his adult life,*
26 *McIntosh was never awarded a Purple Heart by the United States*



government due to the destruction of his war service records in a 1973 fire in Saint Louis, Missouri. During the fire at the National Personnel Records Center, approximately 16 to 18 million Official Military Personnel Files were destroyed, including approximately 80 percent of Army personnel discharge papers from November 1, 1912 to January 1, 1960;

Whereas, First Sergeant Gregory Swanson, a resident of rural Bloomfield, Indiana, joined the Indiana Army National Guard at age 17, and serves in the 387th Military Police Company out of New Albany, Indiana;

Whereas, First Sergeant Swanson is an experienced war veteran who has served tours of duty in Iraq, Afghanistan, and in Newport, Indiana at the Newport Chemical Depot as part of a Homeland Security tour;

Whereas, First Sergeant Swanson was injured in Afghanistan in 2012 when the armored truck he was riding in was attacked by insurgents with rocket-propelled grenades and small arms. All inside the truck were injured, and Swanson sustained a leg injury. Swanson still carries some shrapnel in his leg to this day as a constant reminder of the dangers of war;

Whereas, After his hospitalization, First Sergeant Swanson returned to duty. He was awarded a Purple Heart in a ceremony during his deployment in Afghanistan;

Whereas, First Sergeant Swanson awarded his Purple Heart to Leonard Wayne McIntosh posthumously on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, finally conferring upon McIntosh the respect, honor, and gratitude he so richly deserved; and

Whereas, Through his actions, First Sergeant Swanson demonstrated the kind of selfless love, humility, and honor that exemplifies the best of Indiana, thereby setting an example for all Hoosiers to follow: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly
of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors Purple Heart recipients First Sergeant Gregory Swanson and World War II veteran Leonard Wayne McIntosh for their service, sacrifice, and



1 courage.

2 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
3 transmit copies of this Resolution to First Sergeant Gregory Swanson
4 and Oaklene McIntosh.

